Circular rail between Dumdum and Kolkata airport

*32. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) when the section of circular rail between Dumdum to Kolkata airport was sanctioned;

(b) the total expenditure incurred, so far, for completion of this project;

(c) the number of passengers travelled in this section in 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 year-wise; and

(d) the revenue earned by Railways during these corresponding period?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) to (d) The details are being collected and information will be laid on the Table of the House.

In-train catering in long distance trains

*33. DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to extend in-train catering in other long distance trains;

(b) what is the criterion of attaching pantry cars in trains; and

(c) what steps are being taken to extend the service to all long distance trains?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Attachment of Pantry Cars to the trains is considered based on various factors such as priority of the train, journey time, commercial justification, availability of pantry cars etc.

(c) Attachment of pantry car to the trains is planned as per the availability of new pantry cars. Further, in order to provide catering services on trains where pantry car is not available, train side vending facilities are provided. Catering requirement of the traveling passengers is also met through static units at the railway stations enroute.

Testing of blood samples of foreign visitors to India

*34. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that some new cases of suspected Swine Flu have been reported in various cities of the country during the last two weeks;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether blood samples of foreign tourists are being taken for tests right on their arrival in India, as the persons of suspected Swine Flu identified so far;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and